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IWG CASE NO. 63
Control No. 445431
30 September 1953

SUBJECT

Consequences Resulting from Abolition of Censorship in Austria

REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE

MDAC; 18 September 1953

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF INFORMATION

None. As soon as possible.

PROPOSED USE

Comments or suggested measures to be furnished EDS, State, for use by that Office in preparing reply to U. S. Embassy Vienna.

BACKGROUND AND REFERENCES

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Reference: [REDACTED]

This matter was brought to the attention of IWG at the meeting of 24 September. Referenced telegram states that "Embassy has considered possibilities compensating for serious loss in intelligence for Battle Act enforcement purposes resulting from abolition censorship in Austria." The Embassy suggested that the problem be considered by "MDAC intelligence advisory group" (IWG).

At the 24 September meeting, IWG members were requested to consider the following aspects of this problem: (a) usefulness of intelligence to the economic defense program formerly obtained from this source; (b) consequences of the loss of this intelligence; and (c) methods of replacing this former facility.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION DESIRED

Representatives of ONI and Commerce indicated on 24 September that comments would be furnished EDS, State. Although suggestions from other members are welcomed, no specific actions by member agencies are indicated. This case, therefore, is for the purpose of recording action already taken in IWG.

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